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News Release

METROLINK OFFERS A THANKSGIVING FAMILY TREAT – FIRST TIME TRAIN SERVICE ON THANKSGIVING DAY!

LOS ANGELES, CA, **Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003:** If your typical Thanksgiving ritual involves driving over the freeways and through the crowds to Grandmother's house, there is an alternative this year. For the first time, Metrolink, Southern California's regional commuter railroad, is offering train service on Thanksgiving Day.

Trains on Metrolink's San Bernardino Line will operate on a modified version of their regular Sunday schedule – four trains in each direction – with the first westbound train leaving San Bernardino at 10:00 a.m., and the last eastbound train leaving Los Angeles at 8:55 p.m.

Metrolink will also offer Thanksgiving Family Treat service between Riverside and Irvine along its Inland Empire-Orange County Line. The first of the six southbound trains will leave the Downtown Riverside Station at 10:15 a.m.; the last northbound train will depart the Irvine Transportation Center at 8:30 p.m.

Adults purchasing tickets for Metrolink trains on Thanksgiving Day will receive a 25 percent discount – and each paid adult can take up to three children (age 18 and under) with them for free! Also, roundtrip tickets purchased on Thanksgiving Day will be honored for a return trip on Friday.

The complete Metrolink Thanksgiving Family Treat Service schedules are included with this release.

METROLINK OFFERS SERVICE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

This special Thanksgiving Family Treat service is for Metrolink ticket and pass holders only. MTA pass holders will need to purchase Metrolink tickets in order to participate in this promotion.

For more information about Metrolink's Thanksgiving Family Treat service – including station locations, how to purchase tickets, train schedules, parking information, etc. – call Metrolink at (800) 371-LINK or visit the Metrolink web site at: www.metrolinktrains.com.

The San Bernardino Associated Governments, the Orange County Transportation Authority, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and the Riverside County Transportation Commission, the transportation planning agencies for their respective counties, are providing this special Thanksgiving Day Metrolink Service.

Metrolink is Southern California's regional commuter rail service and is in its 12th year of operations. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority, a joint powers authority made up of an 11-member board representing the transportation commissions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties, governs the service. Metrolink continues to be one of the nation's fastest growing commuter rail services, operating over seven routes through a six-county network with 512 total route miles.

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